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TITLE: FLOOR FOR AN AIRCRAFT CARGO COMPARTMENT AND METHOD
FOR THE ASSEMBLY THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In conjunction with the filing of the present application, and prior to an initial Official Action on this matter, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please note that the following amendments apply to the attached specification and claims labeled for U.S. filing. This combined application incorporates the original application and any annex to the International Application in the proper order, including the correct original and substitute pages, claims and drawing sheets.

Preliminary Amendment: SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

In Paragraphs [0003] to [0006], please amend the paragraphs as follows.

[0003] It is the objective of the invention to provide ~~disese~~ a cargo-compartment floor as well as a method for its assembly in which the work is facilitated and a reduction of the possibilities for errors during assembly is ensured.

[0004] This objective is achieved, in the case of a floor for an aircraft cargo space that comprises panels or